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Mr. Masatomo Suguira
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Re: U.S. Patent Appln. No.: 09/424,684
Client Reference No.: S99P0312US00
Our Reference No.: 7246/57889

Dear Mr. Suguira:

In keeping with standard practice in Sony Corporation cases, we have prepared and filed a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application and enclosed please find a copy of that Preliminary Amendment.

In this Preliminary Amendment we made editorial changes to the specification and amended the claims to place them in better condition for examination.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement we now have filed in connection with this application together with copies of the cited references.

As soon as we have anything further to report in regard to the above-identified application, we shall promptly advise you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Jay H. Maioli
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Enclosure



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In re application of: **KIYOFUMI INANAGA**

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For: **AUDIO REPRODUCING APPARATUS**

Date: **July 7, 2000**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No Additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
- ☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.
- ☐ Total Claims in excess of _____ previously paid for, at \$22 (\$11) _____
- ☐ Ind. Claims in excess of _____ previously paid for, at \$82(\$41) _____
- ☐ Additional Fee for this Amendment _____
- ☐ This Response is being filed within the _____ first month, _____ second month, _____ third month, _____ fourth month following the expiration of the term ordinarily set therefore, and applicant Petitions for an extension and the fee of _____ \$110(\$55), _____ \$400(\$200), _____ \$950(\$475), _____ \$1510(\$755) is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.
- ☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this submission or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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